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ATLANTA CRIES TO RECEIVE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS ON JAN. 1

Trust Company of Georgia and Other Large Business Enterprises Will Pay Semi-Annual Dividends

MOST OF MONEY WILL BE PAID TO ATLANTIAN

Total Amount Will Run Well Over Half Million—Conditions Improve, Says Ernest Woodruff

A combined dividend, interest and cash payment of more than \$500,000 will be paid on January 1 by the Trust Company of Georgia, the Atlantic Ice and Coal Corporation and the Georgia Cotton Oil Company, which are Atlanta, and a very large part of this money will be to Atlanta people.

The Trust Company of Georgia pays \$100,000 per annum, and its quarterly dividend on January 1 will be \$25,000. The Atlantic Ice and Coal Corporation pays \$150,000 per annum, and its semi-annual payment on January 1 will be \$75,000.

The Georgia Cotton Oil Company pays approximately \$100,000 per annum, and its semi-annual payment on January 1 will be in round numbers \$50,000.

The Atlantic Ice and Coal Corporation is the largest company in the line of business in the south and is the largest single manufacturer of ice in the world. It owns and operates twenty-two plants throughout the south. Its daily ice manufacturing capacity is 2,000 tons.

OTHER DIVIDENDS.

In connection with the payments to be made by the Trust Company of Georgia, it is interesting to note that the Georgia Cotton Oil Company and the Pratt Laboratory, both of which were organized and financed through the Georgia Trust Company, will also pay dividends and interest on January 1. The Georgia Cotton Oil Company will pay to Atlanta people also.

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Friends Surprised to Hear Mrs. Fannie Carson Is Now Mrs. J. H. Esco

By way of a Christmas surprise, the friends of J. H. Esco and Mrs. Fannie Carson kept the wedding of the two married last Monday at the home of Mrs. Esco. The wedding was a quiet affair, and the friends of the bride and groom were surprised to hear of the marriage. Mrs. Esco is the daughter of Mr. Esco, and Mrs. Carson is the daughter of Mr. Carson. The wedding was held at the home of Mrs. Esco, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Carson.

PHILADELPHIA HAS COLDEST

December 26 in 40 Years

(By Associated Press.)

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—With the temperature at 9 degrees below zero at 7 o'clock this morning, this was the coldest day in the city since December 26, 1874. The temperature was 10 degrees below zero at 10 o'clock, and 11 degrees below zero at 1 o'clock. The wind was from the north, and the sky was clear.

DEATH OF INFANT

GRUPPIN, Ga. Dec. 26.—The eleven-month-old daughter of Prof. and Mrs. H. B. Gruppin died at the home of the parents early Thursday morning. The child was taken to the hospital for several days of bronchitis.

Funeral services were held at the home Thursday afternoon at 8 o'clock. The interment was made at Oak Hill cemetery.

SNOW COVER ATLANTA ON SUNDAY SAYS WEATHER

Light Fall Early Saturday Morning Only Sample of What May Be Expected During the Night

ANOTHER COLD WAVE GRIPS MANY STATES

Temperature Here Expected to Be 25 Degrees or Lower. Almost Zero Weather in Louisville

Atlanta will have a white Sunday tomorrow, says the official prediction from the local weather bureau, following dispatches from Washington which told of a cold wave sweeping over the south Atlantic states, setting new cold weather records in many places and sifting snow over a great part of Dixie.

Temperatures were below zero in New England, New York, West Virginia, Michigan, Illinois, northern Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota, while it was only 4 degrees above at Louisville, Ky., and but 2 degrees above at St. Louis, Mo. Florida was the only eastern state to escape the grip of the freeze, but even over the southern peninsula a storm was brooding which foreboded bitter conditions Sunday.

Atlanta had a matter of an hour's early Saturday morning, but this soon changed to mist, and cold winds from the north were expected to clear the skies slightly before dusk.

Trains from Tennessee, their box cars covered with snow, came into the terminal yards Saturday morning, displaying a hint of what Atlanta may expect before Sunday morning.

C. F. von Hermann, the weather man, said that snow would probably set in here early Saturday evening, following a deep drop of the mercury, and would fall into the night.

He predicted a temperature of 25 degrees or lower for Sunday morning, and said that the flakes would very likely stay on the ground, covering all Atlanta with a white blanket.

MERCURY GOES FAR BELOW ZERO MARK IN MISSOURI

(By Associated Press.)

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 26.—The cold night sent the mercury below zero in Kansas City, Mo., and the lowest temperature recorded was 22 degrees below zero.

The thermometer at the University of Missouri and the states north, South of Kansas City, where it was two hours at dawn, the temperature was higher. At Springfield, Mo., it was 20 degrees below zero, and at St. Louis, Mo., it was 18 degrees below zero.

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WATKINS, N. Y., Dec. 26.—The thermometer at the Adirondack Park, N. Y., recorded the coldest weather of the winter. The official thermometer registered 34 below zero at 10 o'clock this morning. The temperature at the Adirondack Park, N. Y., recorded the coldest weather of the winter. The official thermometer registered 34 below zero at 10 o'clock this morning.

FOG HELPS LESSEN COLD AT CHICAGO

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—The fog that came to the rescue of frost-bitten Chicago today, but in the suburbs remained in the minus column. In the city the temperature rose to 10 degrees below zero at 10 o'clock. The fog was from the north, and the sky was clear.

HIGHER TEMPERATURE IS PROMISED KNOXVILLE

(By Associated Press.)

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 26.—The minimum temperature in Knoxville this morning was 21 degrees. Since 7 a. m. the mercury has been on its way up, and a fair weather is being forecast. The temperature was 21 degrees at 10 o'clock, and 22 degrees at 1 o'clock.

NEW YORK IN GRIP OF COLDEST WEATHER

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—New York averted luck in the grip of the season's coldest weather. Temperatures dropped to 10 degrees below zero at 10 o'clock, and 11 degrees below zero at 1 o'clock. The wind was from the north, and the sky was clear.

NEW ENGLAND STATES HIT BY COLD WAVE

(By Associated Press.)

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—A cold wave or lower temperature, prevailed today over all New England with the exception of the extreme southeastern section. Greenfield, Me., recorded 16 below. Thermometers at several points in New England were broken here today when temperatures registered 34 to 30 degrees below zero.

550,000 MOTOR VEHICLES BUILT IN U. S. IN 1914

There Are 1,500,000 Cars Registered, and 15,000 Automobile Dealers

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—The automobile manufacturers in 1914 produced 550,000 motor vehicles, the largest number ever made in this country, according to the figures of the Automobile Manufacturers Association.

\$50,000 FIRE AT TAMPA

TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 26.—The P. S. Martin & Co. cigar factory burned here last night, losing a loss of \$50,000. The building was a large structure, and the fire was caused by a gas leak. The fire was discovered at 10 o'clock, and the fire department arrived at 11 o'clock. The fire was extinguished at 12 o'clock.

RECORDS BROKEN IN NORTHERN PENNSYLVANIA

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ATLANTA, GA., SATURDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 26, 1914.

LAST EDITION

THE WEATHER
Warm and colder tonight; Sunday milder.
SPOT COTTON
Atlanta, steady; New York, quiet.
7 1/2 @ 100 lbs. New Orleans, steady; 7 1/2 @ 100 lbs.

PRICE 2 CENTS IN THE CITY, 1 CENT OUT OF THE CITY.

RUSSIANS CHARGE CAPTURE OF 11,000 GERMAN PRISONERS

Was Marked by Many Severe Clashes, but None Were Decisive

ITALY AND RUMANIA MAY JOIN ALLIES SOON

Paris Reports Slight Progress, While Berlin Claims Germans Captured Several Positions From English

LONDON, Dec. 26.—While there was no Christmas occasion of military activity, nevertheless no decisive action occurred along either of the great battle fronts. A spectacular element of the recent news was supplied by an aerial duel between a German aircraft and two English biplanes over the Thames, that occurred Christmas day and was witnessed by several thousand persons.

The German captured the Russians had resumed the offensive at several points in Poland and had captured no fewer than 15,000 prisoners. To offset this, however, Berlin reports inactivity along the Polish front. An Austrian army continues a courageous effort to strike down the Nigra in the direction of Carnio. British observers think that movement will be too late if it is a fact that the Austro-German attack in the center has really received its reported check.

General von Hindenburg, German commander in the east, still keeps his bulwark on the Vistula, and seems to be making his present movement to wards Warsaw from Thorn which is northwest of the Polish capital in the province of West Prussia.

GERMAN AND TWO BRITISH AIRSHIPS STAGE SPECTACULAR FIGHT ABOVE THE CLOUDS

(By Associated Press.)

SOUTH END-ON-SEA, Eng., Dec. 24. London, Dec. 26.—The spectacle of a fight in the air, witnessed on Christmas afternoon by thousands, was one which ten years ago would have been considered one of the wildest imaginings of fiction.

RUSSIA SWAPS LAND TO JAPS FOR HEAVY GUNS

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The Japanese embassy today received official dispatches from the Russian government to Japan to the effect of the island of Sakhalin for some heavy guns. The entire island of Sakhalin was ceded to Japan in 1905. The southern half was ceded to Japan in 1905. The southern half was ceded to Japan in 1905.

FRENCH SUBMARINE SUNK BY AUSTRIAN BATTLESHIP

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, Dec. 26.—The Italian press states, according to reports to the Matin, that a French submarine, belonging to the fleet of the Adriatic, was sunk by an Austrian battleship in the Adriatic. The submarine was sunk by an Austrian battleship in the Adriatic.

AUSTRALIAN CRUISER ENTERS PORT OF VALPARAISO, CHILE

(By Associated Press.)

VALPARAISO, Chile, Dec. 26.—The Australian battleship Australia came into this port today, having been ordered to the Pacific coast of South America for several weeks. A week ago she put into port.

TRENT RIVER DEEPENING PROJECT IS DISAPPROVED

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Plans to accommodate barge of maximum draft to connect the Trent and Delaware rivers by increasing the depth of Trent river between Newark and Beaufort, N. J., have been approved by the War Department today in a war department report to congress.

MRS. LIZZIE BOHANNON, JAILED, ENDS OWN LIFE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

ROSELAND, N. C., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Lizzie Bohannon, wife of the late John Bohannon, died at her home here today. She was 65 years old. She was a member of the Methodist church. She was a member of the Methodist church.

THOUGHTS ON THE DAY AFTER



THE EXCHANGES BEGIN

THREATENED UPRISING IN MANILA CRUSHED BEFORE IT GETS STARTED

NO DECISION IN FRANK APPEAL ANNOUNCED YET

MR. J. C. THRASH DIES AT GREENVILLE SUDDENLY

JUDGE THOMAS TRUSTEE OF SCHOOL AT VALDOSTA

WAYCROSS BOY KILLED AS HE INSPECTS RIFLE

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exchange—Mail 2600.

Only 210 more shopping days till Xmas.

Well, Europe kept Christmas in the usual give
and take way.

We'll wager those Christmas pipes the Crown
Prince gave his soldiers were not French briars.

The patriotism of the Russian soldier becomes
more marked when one remembers that he makes but
\$5.65 a year and can't spend even that on vodka.

Sir John French received the Order of the Bath
about the same time the Allies flooded Flanders. And
yet they say the Briton has no sense of humor.

A Pressing Need and A Splendid Opportunity.

"Enterprising capital will do well to investi-
gate the opportunities for flour mills in half a
dozen Southern States. If upon the acreage
sown to wheat this fall as much per acre shall
be harvested in 1915 as was the crop this year,
next year's wheat crop in the South will amount
to 29,345,000 bushels, or 45,118,000 bushels more
than this year's crop. Of the total increase,
23,527,000 bushels, or something more than sixty-
eight per cent will be in nine States; which this
year produced 95.7 per cent of the cotton crop
in this country. This prospect for wheat is an ad-
dition of the trend in the South due to the shock
of the record-breaking cotton crop in the face of
foreign war, toward raising not only more wheat,
but more foodstuffs and more foodstuffs."

The situation thus described by the Manufactur-
ers' Record emphasizes a need and an opportunity
which The Journal repeatedly has suggested. The
South's system of agriculture is undergoing a de-
epened change. Unless all warnings are unheeded
and all omens fall, the year 1915 will witness a rad-
ical reduction in the cotton acreage and a corre-
sponding increase in food crops. To meet these al-
tered conditions and to make the most of their ad-
vantages the South must have ample facilities for
marketing its food products. It must be prepared to
handle grain and meat and like commodities with as
much ease as heretofore it has handled cotton. It
must provide warehouses, packing houses and mills.

The Manufacturers' Record offers sound advice
when it urges capital to investigate the opportuni-
ties for flour mills in Southern States. Evidently,
there are rich inducements to such enterprise. In
1914, the wheat acreage harvested in Georgia
amounted to 140,000 acres with an aggregate yield
of 1,680,000 bushels. It is estimated that the wheat
acreage in Georgia for 1915 is 314,000 acres, an
increase of 124 per cent, and that the ensuing crop
will total 2,768,000 bushels. This is a wonderfully
cheering prospect, but it calls for milling and market-
ing facilities which the State now lacks; they must
be forthcoming if the benefits of the increased wheat
harvest are to be enjoyed; and it is the privilege
of far-sighted capital to supply them.

As in Georgia, so in other Southern States, particu-
larly in those where heretofore cotton has domi-
nated farming interests, there is promise of an
extraordinary increase in the wheat crop. A fair
idea of what is expected may be gathered from
the following table of estimates, showing the acreage
and the number of bushels harvested this year, to-
gether with a forecast for 1915:

State	1914 Acreage	1914 Bushels	1915 Acreage	1915 Bushels
Alabama	87,000	400,000	97,000	1,200,000
Arkansas	106,000	1,140,000	184,000	2,484,000
Kentucky	748,000	3,200,000	828,000	34,570,000
Mississippi	812,000	13,188,000	868,000	14,147,000
North Carolina	1,500	15,000	2,000	20,000
Missouri	2,340,000	43,000,000	12,844,000	43,848,000
South Carolina	611,000	7,028,000	1,067,000	12,916,000
Ohio	2,460,000	48,838,000	10,002,000	38,748,000
Texas	80,000	920,000	248,000	2,828,000
Virginia	296,000	10,000,000	320,000	10,000,000
Texas	1,052,000	14,968,000	13,867,000	17,111,000
Virginia	799,000	36,900,000	1,270,000	17,760,000
West Virginia	238,000	3,854,000	260,000	3,975,000

It will be observed from the foregoing figures that
the increase in wheat acreage is especially marked in
the cotton stronghold. The Manufacturers' Record
notes in this connection that while the indicated in-
crease for the entire group of fourteen States is
slightly more than twenty per cent it is nearly forty
per cent for the nine States which produced the great
bulk of this year's cotton crop; in Alabama, 218 per
cent, in South Carolina 207 per cent, in Georgia 124
per cent, in North Carolina 79 per cent, and in Ar-
kansas 76 per cent.

The States which have been accustomed to trust
chiefly if not entirely to cotton for a money crop
have awakened at last to their error. They realize that
present and prospective conditions demand a
drastic curtailment of the 1915 cotton acreage and
a liberal expansion in food crops. They know that
every bale of cotton which is added to the existing
surplus will tend to depress prices which already
are low, and will threaten them with another cotton

crisis next autumn. They realize, moreover, that
prices for all manner of foodstuffs will advance un-
der the stimulus of the extraordinary foreign de-
mand brought about by the European war. And so
they are preparing to safeguard, as far as possible,
the value of the cotton crop now on hand, to raise at
home the necessities which in the past they have
imported from distant sections, and also to produce
the things for which the world's demand is greatest.

The South is going to raise not only more wheat,
but more corn and oats, more vegetables and live
stock. It is going to abandon the precarious one-crop
plan and enter upon a diversified, well-rounded sys-
tem of agriculture. Because of this far-reaching
change, there must be an accompanying development
in the means for marketing foodstuffs; and it is the
opportunity no less than the obligation of enterpris-
ing business men to supply this important need.

There is no more successful nation on earth than
Turkey, when it comes to finding trouble.

Japan's refusal to expand her army, is one of the
most optimistic signs yet seen.

Europe hasn't a thing on Mexico. Carranza had
established a censorship on war news, too.

"Ground gained," say all the nations, and, in the
last analysis, ground is just about all that will be
gained, and very little of that.

The Gift to Southern Education.

The summary of donations to Southern institu-
tions of learning by the General Education Board,
during the last few years, shows a wide range of
substantial gifts. It is peculiarly gratifying to Geor-
gians that Agnes Scott College, Wesleyan College and
Mercer University have shared in this fund to the
extent of one hundred thousand dollars each for the
former two, and more than thirty thousand for the
latter.

The donations to Southern colleges in detail are:
Maryland—Johns Hopkins University, \$250,000.

Virginia—Emory and Henry college, \$50,000; Ran-
dolph-Macon college (two appropriations), \$60,000;
Randolph-Macon Woman's college, \$75,000; Rich-
mond college, \$150,000; University of Virginia, \$50,000;
Washington and Lee university (two appropriations),
\$105,000.

North Carolina—Davidson college, \$75,000; Mer-
edith college, \$50,000; Salem Academy and college,
\$29,416.

South Carolina—Converse college, \$50,000; Fur-
man university (two appropriations), \$54,176.

Georgia—Agnes Scott college, \$100,000; Mercer uni-
versity, \$23,323; Wesleyan Female college, \$100,000.

Alabama—Howard college, \$21,700.

Mississippi—Mississippi college, \$25,000; Mississippi
college, \$125,000.

Arkansas—Hendrix college (two appropriations),
\$175,000.

Tennessee—George Peabody College for Teachers,
\$250,000; Maryville college, \$50,000; Union uni-
versity, \$25,000; University of Chattanooga, \$150,000;
Vanderbilt university, \$150,000.

Kentucky—Georgetown college, \$25,000; Transyl-
vania university, \$50,000; Williamsburg institute,
\$50,000.

Texas—Baylor university, \$200,000; Southern
Methodist university, \$20,000.

Florida—John D. Stetson university, \$50,000.

This makes a total of two hundred and fifty thou-
sand dollars for Maryland, four hundred and ninety
thousand for Virginia, three hundred and seventy-
thousand for North Carolina, one hundred and
fifty-four thousand for South Carolina, two hundred
and thirty-two thousand for Georgia, one hundred
and fifty thousand for Mississippi, one hundred and
seventy-five thousand for Arkansas, six hundred and
twenty-five thousand for Tennessee, one hundred and
twenty-five thousand for Kentucky, four hundred
thousand for Texas, and fifty thousand for Florida.

Women with the weeping habit can't keep their
powder dry.

Any woman can dress in ten minutes if given an
hour to fix her hair.

Sometimes an amateur vocalist loses his voice,
and the neighbors live peacefully ever after.

It's a great pity more European troops don't settle
difficulties with their flags as the English and Ger-
mans did near Ypres.

The weather man arrived with the Christmas
snow, but it was a trifle late. On the whole, we
think the weather man is more to be pitied than
blamed. He was drenched with his own showers.

Her full name, like that river of which Alexan-
der broke the strength, spent itself in channels which
had no great name on the earth. But the effect of
her being on those around her was incalculably diffu-
sive; for the growing good of the world is partly
dependent on unheroic acts; and that things are not
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Editorial Echoes

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Mr. Lloyd George's slip in speaking of American
securities held in England as a "debt" reminds us
that it is the British custom to place amateurs at
the head of governmental departments, and that
secretaries being the real experts. Kitchener is an
exception. Even Lloyd George is not quite so rank
an amateur as his famous predecessor who gazed at a
table of statistics with many decimal points and
blamed: "What are these d— dots?"—New York
World.

The Belgian Diary Of an American

BY R. A. CANTRELL.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Cantrell, who was born in
Kentucky, lived in Belgium seventeen years. He
was in Brussels when the Germans began the siege
of Liege, and he witnessed all the preliminary
panic of the Belgians in Brussels. He was in Belgium
during the war. At the end he spent several
weeks as a soldier in the trenches. He was in the
front line of the battle when the German bomb-
ardment of the city began, and was with the 400-
odd frenzied Belgians who rushed to the Dutch bor-
der.)

BEDFORD SQUARE, London, Oct. 15, 1914.—Back
here with a whole skin, and mighty thankful for it.
After this anybody who talks to me about the glories
of war will have to fight. I've fought in the trenches
with the Belgian army, and I know.

On September 25, after Mrs. Cantrell was comfort-
ably settled here, I went back to Ostend and landed
there with one franc in my pocket. I had made up
my mind not to leave all that property of ours in Brus-
sels if I could help it.

Well, luck was with me—for the time. In front of
La Plage hotel I met Jeff Hallen not half an hour
after I landed. He asked me if I would take a letter to
his wife, who was in Antwerp with her two chil-
dren.

"I want you to tell her to take what valuables she
can get hold of and hurry over to Flandria with the
children," he said.

"I explained that I wanted to get on to Brussels
as soon as I could, but when he offered me 500 francs
I changed my mind. I needed the money."

"I was not to get on to Brussels until Antwerp, al-
though it was then in a state of siege, and the rush
over the Scheldt into Holland had begun. Mrs. Hallen
read the letter and shook her head.

"I've lived here all my life and here I am going
to stay," she said. "You can tell Jeff that."

"I did my job, so I started around with my letter
in Antwerp. There were a lot of men in the room
in the room, some of whom I knew, and they were
waiting to see what I'd say."

"The Belgian lady was very good to me, and I
said if they wanted me and needed me that I'd fight.
Then a lot of people began to pat me on the back."

"We got out of the office. I had only about 400
of us were to go out at once. We got
Mauzer rifles, old model, but good, and taking
five cartridges at a time in a great clip. We were
dark blue overcoats, black ankle leggings, gray flannel
trousers, and chapeaux with green feathers in them.

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The Valiant Trencher Man

By R. A. CANTRELL.

We urge Lulliputian digestions to a Broodingian
task. We assume of course. With nervous organizations
which forbid any such undertaking we set ourselves
seriously to the task of dining, and the dead heroes
of many meals must observe with compassion our in-
finitude but no uncorroborated attempt.

We hope that Sancho Panza, who we trust, now
has an island, will not look upon this as an endeavor
of a kind which would be a philosophy with a
place of dried bread and an onion, but when occasion
he could take a couple of fat pullets and a
hare to tide him over until dinner, when he might have
something to eat.

We hope that Mr. Pickwick does not observe us,
then he was a person of most boy's capacity. Mr.
Ben Allen and Mr. Bob Sawyer, we trust, will have
other things to do than consider the weakness of this
generation.

The days of gluttony are gone, days of the ten-hour
dinner are departed from us. We do not eat. We
measure our food to the capacity of our furnace, and
we are not so much more than this brings us
of a state of affairs as misery.

We passed out of consideration in these parts some
ten years ago, when a little group of men whose ap-
petites were excited only by their culture was invaded
by death and broken up. If we do not allude to them
by name it is because the art of eating has fallen into
disrepute among people of culture.

To sit down to dinner at 3 in the afternoon and
eat constantly, arrive by 1 in the morning to the
need of a little snack of sandwiches to tide over on
the way home was the ordinary custom of these heroic
digestions.

It can't be done any more. We are too fastidiously
digestive. Digestion requires repose and contentment, and
it is not to be had in the modern world, where the
digester is not edged with good digestion has been driven
out of us by sloth and ease, by the jarring of street
cars, and the noise of the modern world.

Possibly we shall save ourselves by acknowledging
our limitations and not trying to do the impossible,
except once a year, and then feebly. The Romans,
having lost their digestions, did not adopt this ra-
tional method, but they did adopt the method of
leaving to forces tired out nature to sustain the as-
saults of force in force.

"It is a matter of fact, but it was not wise, and by
the time the Roman year was green in the face from
efforts to be Olympian at the trencher, good, sound,
hard eating barbarians came and gobbled them down."

Civilization brings in tea and toast, and, if that
be necessary, a little more of the same, and then
civilization, but if any vain longings for the flesh pots
of old time control of a people in their digestive im-
punity, and if the barbarians do not come, the
and the fatted, sacrificing themselves to the demon of
repletion, they'll succumb to some hard eating barba-
rian who will eat them up and then come and arise
the next morning without calling the medical men.

Once a year it may be possible for a people of
lost digestions to make themselves a feast, but even
then, when the argument is turkey, let wisdom coun-
sel. Let the people of the United States, for example,
mix pie into the outer darkness and consider the
profit of this cruel. Not a nap nor a ten-mile will
undo the ravages of the dinner which may threaten you
today, Chicago Tribune.

NO. 113—NAPLES.

"See Naples and die" exclaimed an artistic an-
thologist, and he was not far from the mark. Every-
thing that is beautiful and good in the world is in
Naples. It is the city of the sea and sky of the deepest blue.
This rhapsody was repeated to a midshipman of the United
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Manager Billy Smith Adds Third Baseman Bill Hopke to 1915 Cracker Crew

Bill Hopke Now Feels Narrowly Signed by Locals Third Baseman Signed by Locals

Manager Smith Announces That Former American Association Player Has Joined Cracker--New Man Star Fielder

According to information just received from Manager Billy Smith at his home in Springfield, his Christmas present to Atlanta fans comes in the nature of a new third baseman, who has just been signed. The new candidate for a job around the three-quarter corner is a young man by the name of Bill Hopke, the fellow who has been a star for several years.

Hopke came to terms with Manager Smith a few days ago at his home in Cleveland, where the Cracker pilot had gone for a short visit. Hopke is a player of several years' experience, having played with several leagues of the middle west, ranging from the American association on down through the smaller leagues. What is more, Bill has been a Federal League. In 1913 he was a member of Silver Bill Phillips' championship Indianapolis team.

After returning to the ranks of organized ball, Hopke was picked up by the Cracker. He was a free agent when signed by Manager Smith. Hopke is expected to be a big factor for the Cracker next season. Hopke is expected to be a big factor for the Cracker next season. Hopke is expected to be a big factor for the Cracker next season.

The third basing job is one which Manager Smith wants to settle as early as possible before the season starts. Last year the far corner gave considerable trouble at times. Finally Harry Holland was stationed there permanently and handled the situation creditably. Furthermore his batting was a timely feature in the Cracker's attack. But Harry gave to the Minneapolis club last year, and a new man must be lined up for the job. Hopke is reported to be a fast, sensational fielder, but he has never been an especially heavy hitter.

On Christmas eve last year, Joe Dunn sends his best wishes to Atlanta fans. He is working in the postoffice in Springfield, and is expected to be a big factor for the Cracker next season.

The former Cracker is laying in store for his first victory as a pilot next season, and Atlanta fans wish him and his team success.

White Sox Want Foster on Third

Comiskey Plans to Buy or Trade for Senator, if Griffith Will Part With Him

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Eddie Foster is being sought by President Comiskey to round out the White Sox's eleven-man infield for the next season. The south side manager has not actually announced that he wants to get the former Cracker, but the player was mentioned in Comiskey's press release as being a possibility.

Baseball critics and fans have been waiting to see Foster's move. He is a big, powerful, and fast player. He is a big, powerful, and fast player. He is a big, powerful, and fast player.

There is only one third baseman left in the league who would fit in with the White Sox. He is Eddie Foster, who has been a star for several years. He is a big, powerful, and fast player.

Eddie is a brilliant fielder, has a wide lead on a small pair of shoulders, and can pound the ball. With him in the field that ever was assembled. Furthermore, the only weak spot in the team's work, would be bolstered up. The best part of the Sox quartet in that case would be their youth. Eddie is as well as the other infielders, has many years of valuable service, and is a big favorite here.

President Comiskey will be present at the drafting of the American League schedule this week in French Lick, Ind. With him will be Senators and Secretaries Harbridge and McHugh. The season will again open on April 14 and end when the season is played. The A. L. managers decide they will play the season on the Federal League schedule, but will have the same number of Sunday games as was formerly the case.

Cheap Land for Employers.

A large industry in Christchurch, New Zealand, has leased its site land at a cheap rate to its employees who will erect their own individual suburban homes on their own.

England Forces Prices Lower

The English government has forced a further reduction in retail sugar prices to 1 cent a pound.

Feds Narrowly Missed Getting Outlaws Planned to Take Better Cities of Two New England Leagues and Form New Circuit for Schooling Their Youngsters

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Had not a pretty scheme died a-borning while no fewer than a hundred American, National and International league managers, managers and players, with Federal league agents working their sinuous ways among them, clustered up the corridors of local hotels a short time ago, it is doubtful whether the plan would have been known to a man.

It was only one of a great number of plans and schemes suggested during the big conference that went on, rather, got nowhere in particular, but had it "come through" it undoubtedly would have necessitated a big change in so-called organized baseball's all-around arrangements for combating the overcast of the Federal League.

Promoters came here with high hopes of interesting other persons needed to further the scheme, but they went away without having accomplished their task. The plan was to launch an outlaw league in the east this winter, with a working agreement with the Gilmore circuit and get the surplus talent from that new self-acknowledged major organization.

The plan involved not only the consolidation of two leagues and the elimination of the weaker clubs in each, but the breaking away from organized baseball of some really moneyed magnates. Failure to do this, it is said, has turned the interested parties of the Federal League to the middle west and the gold-southwest for similar projects.

The launching which fell through undoubtedly would have resulted in the breaking up of the New England league and the formation of a new league, known as the Connecticut league. It was the idea of the promoters to take the big cities in each organization where the club owners also controlled the league. In New Haven, Springfield and Hartford, three of the best cities in the Eastern association, were the ones desired. Under Jimmie Donohue's leadership, Bridgeport also was wanted, but the fact that O'Rourke himself controls the playing field made that city impossible even if everything else was possible in the independent league.

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Take Notice, Messrs. Clabby and Gibbons---By Ripley



HIS LATEST IS A VICTORY OVER JEFF SMITH. HE KNOCKED OUT 28 OF HIS 35 OPPONENTS. MICK KING, MIDDLE-WEIGHT CHAMPION—EVERYWHERE BUT HERE.

Mick King, Australian Middleweight, Has a Great Record—Has Beaten the Best Boys in His Native Land. BY ROBERT RIPLEY. While speaking of Clabby and Gibbons and their coming match for the world's title, the name of Mick King also entered the conversation.

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Spotlight BY GRANTLAND RICE

TO THE BUNCH. Driftwood, alien, vagabond. Here at the wayward inn of cheer. I hereby yield my humble gift. To all the drift of you; The friendly hand, the grip of hand. That frame the rover's code. And all the luck a tramp might have. Along a friendly road.

Vagabond of soul and dream. And driftwood of the pen. Here at the wayward inn of cheer. I pledge the gift again. The call of heart to fellow heart. Around the world away. And all the luck that ever was. Beyond the closing play.

Who can charge Walter Johnson with being commercial? Walter was offered a five-year contract by Washington at \$16,000 a year, the total amounting to \$80,000. He refused this and finally signed a three-year contract at \$12,000 per annum, as the phrase is. If he becomes involved in another tangle the Blond Shrapnel will soon be paying his way into the park.

THE CASE FOR C. ROWLAND. It isn't always the star performer who makes the greatest leader. Heston of Michigan and Coy, of Yale, were two of the greatest backs that ever played the game. They were both of the greatest backs that ever played the game.

Sp Rowland's case isn't hopeless, although the odds are not what one might term them at first. If he has the stuff, his lack of big league experience will only retard his advance a trifle. And if he lacks the managerial instinct, he couldn't get it by he was Ty Cobb plus Walter Johnson.

THE RECORD SMILE. Wild Bill Donovan carries the championship smile of baseball. If Wild Bill grapples with the Yanks and still maintains that smile by next October he will be no question as to where the record belongs. For, while Old King Cole was a merry old soul, he was never requested to take hold and hold the Yanks of the batway. Otherwise the merry old monarch who hit .419 with the pipe and the bowl would never have slipped into history as one of the Guffaw Boys.

Wild Bill has something more than that smile. Back with the Tigers he was one of the great pitchers of the game. He was a great pitcher because he happened to have a great arm and a great head—and as great a heart. He has had a batch of managerial experience with Providence—enough to fit him out for faster company. And managing the Yanks is the faster company on earth. It was too fast even for Frank Chance.

COBB VS. SPEAKER. Dear Sir: May I call your attention to the following comparison of Cobb and Speaker taken from the enclosed official averages? Speaker, 1914, had 474 chances—about 3 per game. His fielding average was .968. Cobb, in 95 games, had 195 chances, or about 2 to the game. His average was .948. Cobb had a better batting average than Speaker had. Although Cobb's batting average was .300, Speaker's was .280. Cobb's margin as a batter isn't nearly that wide over Speaker. I know Cobb is the greatest batsman in the game, but is he the greatest ball player? Or, rather, is he of more value to a club than Speaker, a utility outfielder?

The main part of Speaker's supremacy last season was his ability to play 157 games against Cobb's 96. This certainly made him twice as valuable during 1914. Ty owes it to himself and to the game to make up this season for some of the lapses he has known in the past and to try and make it a 154-game drive.

Although as a rule Cobb is somewhere out in the meele as long as he is able to stand or to swing a bat, last year and feathered his nest in a way, and the fact that Leach lost out in the outfield, it may be wise for Breshnan to make a move to get the new manager.

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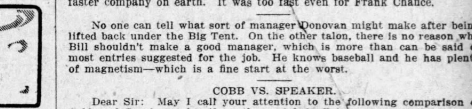
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